

Lieutenant Colonel Jared Koelling most recently served as the Deputy Commander for the US Army's 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 78<sup>th</sup> Training Division, where he led the planning, development, and execution of US Forces Command's Guardian Response exercises, focused on Defense Support of Civil Authorities. His previous assignments include Executive Officer and Detachment Commander of A Company, 3-58<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, with a deployment to Afghanistan; Section leader and Executive Officer of F Company, 159<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment and later B Company, 5-158<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment (Big Windy), with deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq; Assistant Operations officer in 5-158<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment and 12<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, with a deployment to Cyprus; Company Commander for F Company, 5-158<sup>th</sup> Aviation, with deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan; Simulation Operations officer in 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, with a deployment to Afghanistan. Lieutenant Colonel Koelling then served as a Simulation Operations planner on the Joint Staff, providing simulation support to US European Command and US Indo-Pacific Command training exercises, involving joint and multinational allies and partners.

Lieutenant Colonel Koelling holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he also received his commission as an Army Aviation officer following graduation in 2003. In addition to his bachelor's degree, Jared also holds a Master of Arts degree in Vietnamese Studies, received from Vietnam National University – University of Social Sciences and Humanities. Selected as an Olmsted Scholar by the Olmsted Foundation in 2014, Jared moved with his family to Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) for two and a half years, immersing in the Vietnamese culture, learning the language, and attending his classes, which were all taught in Vietnamese.

He is a graduate of the Aviation Officer Basic Course, the Aviation Officer Captain's Career Course, Command and General Staff College, Basic and Intermediate Simulation Operations Courses, Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Airborne School and is a qualified CH-47D Chinook helicopter pilot.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Combat Action Badge, Army Aviator Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge.